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- by "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>
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- 21) [77233] Proposal Comments  
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by "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>
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by Russ Dow <n7dw@garlic.com>
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by "Merryprankster@cwcom.net" <merryprankster@cwcom.net>
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by BenNW7DX@aol.com
- 27) [77239] Re: Jumping P-TICKs  
by Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
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by "bob baxter" <rbaxter@cybertrails.com>
- 29) [77241] RE: Proposal  
by "John L. Sielke" <w2agn@pobox.com>
- 30) [77242] Re: Proposal  
by Jim Lowman <jmlowman@ix.netcom.com>
- 31) [77243] Re: Proposal  
by "Marty Purselley" <brewer@flash.net>
- 32) [77244] Re: Help! One-tube Regen Circuit  
by "Willy Krogstad" <wikro@nt.telia.no>
- 33) [77245] Re: Proposal  
by markmilburn <markmilburn@netzero.net>
- 34) [77246] Re: Proposal Comments  
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by Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>
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by ARDUJENSKI@aol.com
- 37) [77249] Proposal  
by "Jim McKinley" <flyable@starpower.net>
- 38) [77250] Re: Proposal  
by david fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>
- 39) [77251] Re: Proposal  
by "Caitlyn M. Martin" <caitlyn@netferrets.net>
- 40) [77252] Re: Proposal  
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
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- 42) [77254] Re: Proposal  
by "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>
- 43) [77255] Euramcom & NFH

by Euramcom <mel@euramcom.freeseerve.co.uk>  
44) [77256] OK1DPX Homebrew keys collection  
by Jim Larsen AL7FS <al7fs@pobox.alaska.net>  
45) [77257] WOW ! Re: Proposal  
by John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>  
46) [77258] Better (?) Proposal  
by "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>  
47) [77259] Re: Proposal  
by John Wagner <john@neknetwork.com>  
48) [77260] RE: Better (?) Proposal  
by Sam Billingsley <SBillingsley@usaninc.com>  
49) [77261] Re: Proposal  
by Erik Werner <ewerner@sprintmail.com>  
50) [77262] Re: Proposal  
by Marty <N5NW@midsouth.rr.com>  
51) [77263] Re: Proposal  
by "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>  
52) [77264] Re: Better (?) Proposal  
by Dave Sjolin <sjolin@swbell.net>  
53) [77265] FOX  
by "Jay Henson" <jbhenson@zebra.net>  
54) [77266] FOX- Speed Proposal  
by "Manager QRP-L" <manager@astro.cc.lehigh.edu>  
55) [77267] Heathkit HW7 Front Panel.....URGENTLY WANTED...!!  
by "Andy GM0NWI" <Gm0nwi@tesco.net>  
56) [77268] Re: Proposal  
by "Randall M. Payne" <randyp@strato.net>  
57) [77269] Just got a HW-8  
by "Tom Dufresne" <tdufres@hotmail.com>  
58) [77270] Re: Another Proposal  
by Dave Sjolin <sjolin@swbell.net>  
59) [77271] FOX - skunked in Louisiana  
by n5ib@juno.com  
60) [77272] Re: Just got a HW-8  
by W1R0@aol.com  
61) [77273] CQC GOLD RUSH  
by K10J <k10j@ditdit.com>  
62) [77274] Propagation Blues  
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>  
63) [77275] FOX: Nuthin in OH  
by Richard Powell <ripowell@mpna.com>  
64) [77276] FOX: Nothing but Noise, Test and ....fox? once in NE  
by "KC1FB" <kc1fb@optonline.net>  
65) [77277] FOX Proposals  
by "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>  
66) [77278] Re: Help! One-tube Regen Circuit  
by Ray Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>

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Date: Sat, 12 Aug 2000 17:23:15 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>  
To: QRP-L List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77213] Gads!  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10008121712160.1300-1000000@cannac.ampr.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

I just listened to WWV and could only hear them on 10 meters with deep fade. They said yeasterday was flux 189, A = 65!! and k =3. They said tomorrow expect Geomagnetic to have Major Storm levels.

I may not hear the FOX tomorrow not because he is too close, but because there is no signals anywhere. I checked into the 40 meter NM 4pm net and quit early because no-one could hear anyone well. Normal QRO stations are 20-40 over 9 every day. Today and yesterday they have been s5 or lower. The differance is 60 DB or more atenuation due to the geomagnetic storms I gather.

We should all listen for the FOX, but with all this solar adversity it's not going to be good. But the cause of all this happened at 09 UT on 10 Aug they said. Maybe it will wind down on the 13th. I hope so.

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

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Date: Sat, 12 Aug 2000 18:31:09 -0700  
From: "Glenn Maclean" <glennmaclean@ix.netcom.com>  
To: <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77214] Tomorrow's Fox Sunday August 13?  
Message-ID: <002601c004c6\$3deaaf00\$2088fea9@oemcomputer>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Did I accidentally miss the posting from tomorrow's fox? I have not found anything form him in my QRP-L mail folder?

Glenn WA7SPY

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Date: Sat, 12 Aug 2000 22:38:12 -0400 (EDT)  
From: George Gingell <k3tks@u1.abs.net>  
To: QRP List <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Cc: k0hbs@amsat.org  
Subject: [77215] Re: Cut-off Wheels, Now Tools  
Message-ID: <Pine.BSF.4.21.0008122211390.17046-100000@u1.abs.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

JC Smith, Recommended Fordham Rotary Grinding Units in a recent posting.

I did not remember the Brand Name at the time of my previous posting, but they are the Top of the Line Professional Models. With Pricing to match. OTOH, If you are going to do a lot of this type of work, they are worth what you must pay.

My son has a unit from SEARS, It is a Dremel Model 732 with a #236 Handpiece and a foot operated speed control, a 1/5 Hp Motor.

My Current SEARS TOOL Catalog (1-800-377-7414) shows a nice Foredom 12 pc set on page 171. Model 61030 at \$ 239.99 The Motor Hanger # 53156 is available at \$ 39.99

The Deluxe Sears (Dremel) var speed, flex shaft and spiral bit cutting guide setup is # 61098 at \$ 99.99

This is not the Model 732 Dremel that my son has. I think SEARS has replaced that with the Foredom Unit.

Another good source of the Foredom Units is The Diamond Pacific Tool Corporation. P.O. Box 1180, Barstow, CA 92312 (1-800-253-2954) They sell Lapidary Tools and Supplies. My Catalog shows a Foredom Set with 1/8 hp motor and #30 Handpiece at \$ 269.00 Model 103-K2272 the unit takes 0-5/32" dia tools.

They also sell specialty cutting/grinding wheels. Diamond Wheels anyone? Remember to use water with them. Else the heat takes the Diamonds off the wheel.

Yes, I would recommend the Foredom Units. Especially if you are going to do extensive Cutting,Grinding, and Carving/engraving. Glass,Plastic, Steel, Gold, Silver, whatever. Like the Dremel tools they have 1000+ uses. Most of us can get by with a good Dremel Set. But the Foredom and it's look alikes are truly for the Heavy duty work. Auto Engine Porting,

Wood and Stone Carving, Etc. I recently did some Lock work for a Lady who had 5 Foredoms hanging from the ceiling. Each with different Cutting tools. She was a Rock Sculpturess. (And Good at that). Portrature Busts.

back to the regular scheduled program... :^)

Sir George, The First :^)

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Date: Sat, 12 Aug 2000 22:47:40 EDT

From: WB3LGC@aol.com

To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu

Subject: [77216] Re: PHASED VERTS: SECRET WEAPON

Message-ID: <b4.95dabc7.26c7664c@aol.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

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In a message dated 8/10/00 11:30:27 PM Eastern Daylight Time,  
sslyon@worldnet.att.net writes:

- > Don't know if it's been brought up, so will keep it short. Observe the
- > Half-Square, esp. in the work of W4RNL. IHMO, this antenna will shoot
- > the eyes out of a bottom fed, 2-el. array.
- > Think about it:
- > a.) CURRENT is at the TOP; better lo-angle prop; less loss to surrounds.
- > b.) you don't need radials or matching networks; (use bead balun @ feed)
- > c.) Spacing can be flexible. 1/2-wave of wire between verts can be
- > "bent"
- > d.) legs can be bent at the bottom if ht. is a problem.
- >

Great DX antenna, I have been using it for several months. It doesn't need (or want) to be very high. The bottom need only be 6 - 10 ft up. I used ~

10 turns of RG-58 on plastic coffee "can" coil form as balun.

72, Steve

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Date: Sat, 12 Aug 2000 21:20:46 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>  
To: Glenn Maclean <glennmaclean@ix.netcom.com>  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77217] Re: Tomorrow's Fox Sunday August 13?  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10008122117320.726-100000@cannac.ampr.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

According to my paper sent to me so nice, The FOX will be K7Q0 in Pescot sp?, AZ on Sunday August 13 in the afternoon. The time depends where you live.

On Sat, 12 Aug 2000, Glenn Maclean wrote:

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> anything form him in my QRP-L mail folder?  
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> Glenn WA7SPY  
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Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

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Date: Sat, 12 Aug 2000 21:51:40 +0100  
From: Chuck Adams <k7qo@primenet.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77218] FOXHUNT: K7Q0 on Sunday  
Message-ID: <4.3.2.7.0.20000812213725.00a983f0@pop.primenet.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"; format=flowed

Gang,

It is hard to believe that it was 6 years ago that we started the 40 meter version of the foxhunt. The whole purpose of this exercise was to get people off the Internet and on the air.

So, tomorrow I'll be on 20 meters as the fox.

This one will not be an easy one. The propagation forecasters are predicting gloom and doom, but what do they know?

Do to the loss of an Astron power supply, I'll be battery powered. Rig will be the old trusty NN1G Mark II 20 meter xcvr with CMOS III and Hensley paddle. The antenna will be a 40 meter vee-beam fed with 300 ohm window line (< 1 meter feedline as KI6DS previously posted after Tuthill) and MFJ 941C tuner. Best lighting detector I've had. :-)

As the bandwidth of the receiver is not real tight, please please do the following tomorrow.

- o Send your call only one time, please. I will pick several calls and work them in order, so it is important that you play by the rules. Listen to all the calls that I send and I'll work each in order.
- o Only when I QRZ or send FOX should you even think of sending your call. Some of the hunters have become super aggressive and that is not the purpose of this exercise. I can chose to ignore any call that I wish. I will work the weak ones first.
- o I'll send at 25 wpm at first and then later slow down.
- o I'll start out at 100mW for the first 10 minutes, so don't send your call unless you can hear me. I want to do this just to see the limits of some of your receivers and antennas.
- o Posts to QRP-L during the hunt will get you removed from the log. It will be considered assisted contact. So team players don't email the other members, please. The use of QRP-L is not for spotting for the foxhunt.
- o I'll post the log as soon as I get it all typed in.



See ya on Sunday, 2000UTC, around 14.050-14.065MHz.

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 08:16:53 -0400  
From: S LYON <sslyon@worldnet.att.net>  
To: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com, chat qrp <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77219] Re: PHASED VERTS: SECRET WEAPON  
Message-ID: <399691B5.9DED52F6@worldnet.att.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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Sounds right, Alan and good for portable DX-peditions, esp. if you have a slick way to loft/support it. You'll find that it really discriminates in favor of DX,tho and is NOT as good as a dipole (same top ht.) for close-in domestic applications. W1QK and I have done A/B field comparisons and results were convincing. If my QTH and supports were good, I'd definitely have the half-square "beam" arrangement W4RNL described. THAT would be a real DX cannon!

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ARDUJENSKI@aol.com wrote:

>  
> Just a note that might be of interest. A friend of mine ran some calculations  
> on EZNEC for the HALF SQUARE and Inverted Half Square.  
>  
> The half square at 5-10ft had a SWR o f1-1.3, almost 50 ohm match and max  
> gain of about 2.8 dbi at about 20-22 degrees.  
>  
> A vertical in the same situation would need perfect ground or 120 radials and  
> still have a take off angle of about 30 degrees.  
>  
> The Inverted Half Square has similar angle but only about 2dbi gain.  
>  
> We were looking at this for portable ops and 40m----alan kb7mbi

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'Seab' Lyon - AA1MY  
Beacon NY USA FN-31  
QRP-L 574 ARCI 9253

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 08:59:08 -0400  
From: sdmarko@attglobal.net  
To: <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77220] What's a DX  
Message-ID: <001201c00526\$45f11ee0\$55e06420@oemcomputer>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

What is a DX anyway?

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 06:36:53 -0400  
From: w4bws@juno.com  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [77221] Fw: Draw and Write on your PC for ONLY...\$69.95  
Message-ID: <20000813.085346.-217739.3.w4bws@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Several hundred times there has been comments looking  
for a software to draw schematics, etc. Well check this out.  
I don't have it yet but it looks interesting. I dont have any  
connection withthe company but I am always looking for  
"good toys".  
Don W4BWS

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 07:09:48 -0700  
From: "William Phinizy" <k6whp@gte.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77222] Help! One-tube Regen Circuit  
Message-ID: <000101c00530\$2553ec80\$b554193f@k6whp>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
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In February, 1966, the late Lew McCoy published an article for a Novice transmitter called the "Mighty Midget". I believe it was a bit later, he (or another author) published an accompanying receiver article. Does anyone have a copy of that article or is it available anywhere on the internet? I have searched and cannot seem to find it..

..my thanks in advance.

72,

William Phinizy, k6whp

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 08:17:21 -0600  
From: Ray Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77223] Re: Gads!  
Message-ID: <3996ADF1.18AA2B36@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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What is the 10 meter frequency for WWV?  
I have been hearing the 20 Mhz freq this week buy nothing

higher.

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"Politicians are like nappies. Both should be  
changed regularly -- and for the same reason"

"Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"

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Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M SOC#78 fp #111  
NCT2 (also w5xe@juno.com El Paso, (FAR WEST) TEXAS

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 09:42:33 -0500  
From: "Kevin Muenzler WB5RUE" <wb5rue@arrl.net>  
To: <w5xe@juno.com>  
Cc: "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77224] RE: Gads!  
Message-ID: <000001c00534\$b7e2b460\$4d3cc6d8@wb5rue>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
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WWV used to have a 25MHz station but that one went off the air in the mid  
70's

Now WWV is 2.5, 5, 10, 15 and 20 MHz.

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU  
> [mailto:owner-qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU]On Behalf Of  
> Ray Colbert  
> Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2000 9:17 AM  
> To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion  
> Subject: Re: Gads!  
>  
>  
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> I have been hearing the 20 Mhz freq this week buy nothing  
> higher.  
> --  
>  
> "Politicians are like nappies. Both should be  
> changed regularly -- and for the same reason"

> "Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"  
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> Ray Colbert, W5XE, 00TC#3618, SOWP#1064M SOC#78 fp #111  
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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 09:43:19 -0500  
From: "Kevin Muenzler WB5RUE" <wb5rue@arrl.net>  
To: <w5xe@juno.com>, "'Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77225] RE: Gads!  
Message-ID: <000101c00534\$d30851f0\$4d3cc6d8@wb5rue>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

He must have meant 10MHz and not 10-meters.

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 09:07:32 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>  
To: QRP-L List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77226] Proposal  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10008130838220.777-100000@cannac.ampr.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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ACTION:

Think about this proposal and give your pro and con comment to the QRP-L list.

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 11:07:42 -0400  
From: wb2vuo@juno.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77227] Re: Gads!  
Message-ID: <20000813.110743.-389783.0.wb2vuo@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Keith here in the Depths of the Great Bergen Swamps of WNY...

While WWV does not have an "Official" 10-Meter frequency, the harmonics from either the 10 MHz or 15 MHz transmitters can be heard on 30 MHz.

When I last heard this, I dropped them a card. The 15 MHz 2nd harmonic is at -70 dBc and the 10 MHz 3rd harmonic is at -74 dBm. With a carrier of 5,000 watts (+67 dBm), the 2nd harmonic from 15 MHz would be -3 dBm and the 3rd harmonic from 10 MHz would be -7 dBm.

I made contacts into the UK back in the early 80's with an output of -9 dBm, working G3WBA a number of time. We started out at +27 dBm (500 mW) and dropped the power with step attenuators. I had a string of 6dB attenuators, so I went from +27 dBm to +21 dBm to +15 dBm and so on, down to -9 dBm (125 uW!)

I have not listened for the 30 MHz signal from WWV this year as the club's beacon is on my 10 Meter antenna (waiting for a new site), but 10



Meter reception of WWV is definitely possible, and it is QRPP!

72/73, Keith, WB2VU0, 100% QRP from the Depths of the Great Bergen Swamp  
President, Brockport Amateur Radio Klub & Tech Coordinator, ARRL WNY  
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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 09:11:09 +0000

From: Roy <[marion@montana.com](mailto:marion@montana.com)>

To: [k5di@zianet.com](mailto:k5di@zianet.com), "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <[qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU](mailto:qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU)>

Subject: [77228] Re: Proposal

Message-ID: <200008131517.e7DFH4S23117@mail.montana.com>

Mime-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

At 09:07 AM 8/13/00 -0600, Karl F. Larsen wrote:

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 11:18:34 -0400

From: "Mike Yetsko" <[myetsko@insydesw.com](mailto:myetsko@insydesw.com)>

To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77229] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <003c01c0053a\$21316060\$0600a8c0@dad>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I TOTALLY agree!

I'm just getting back into CW, and while it's fun, it's not a big deal with me. I still have more fun and 99% of my HAMMING is voice, but I just WANT to get back into CW, at least a bit.

And just like you said, I'm not going to want to jump into a 15+ WPM pileup.

Mike

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 11:25:31 -0400  
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: <marion@montana.com>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77230] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <004601c0053a\$ba0362c0\$0600a8c0@dad>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
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I agree, it's excellent. And I agree that the 'blazing speed CW' is detrimental. But with the caveat that it's only detrimental when that's all there is.

There can be the speed runs, but there's GOT to be slower speed activities to get the beginners (and people like me who have been out of it for 15 years) hooked on it. There's gotta be things where they can participate, then GRADUALLY keep being pushed to keep up.

When it's 'just' at warp 9, it becomes an elitist showoff that tends to keep out the people that just aren't there.

Mike

----- Original Message -----

From: Roy <marion@montana.com>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2000 5:11 AM  
Subject: Re: Proposal

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 09:40:05 -0600  
From: "Steve/n0tu" <n0tu@webaccess.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <QRP-L@lehigh.edu>, <sdmarko@attglobal.net>  
Subject: [77231] Re: What's a DX  
Message-ID: <002201c0053c\$c1656c00\$d208710f@sg2939h.col.hp.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

It's pulling that whisper of a signal (319) out the 40m "crude/mud" and finding out he just finished his SMK, TT2, HB, etc. whatever ... but he is jazzed! And I'm his first QSO! ...heh?

That's DX enough for me! Steve/n0tu

-----Original Message-----

From: sdmarko@attglobal.net <sdmarko@attglobal.net>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2000 7:08 AM  
Subject: What's a DX

>What is a DX anyway?

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 11:45:38 -0400  
From: wb2vuo@juno.com  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77232] FS: Ranger RCI 2950  
Message-ID: <20000813.114606.-251475.1.wb2vuo@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I am listing this for a member of the Brockport Amateur Radio Klub who is working on his license.

Charles has a Ranger RCI 2950 10-meter all-mode rig.

It's 25 watts PEP out on SSB, and 8 watts on CW/FM & AM, and the power control will let you crank it down to 1 watt. About the size of the old

Radio Shack HTX-100 or the Uniden HR2600, the RX is hot, but the selectivity is fair.

I have been checking the radio out for the last week, and it seems to meet specs, in fact it's putting out close to 30 watts PEP on "Full Power"

Charles is not on-line and asked me to post this for him and handle the shipping and details. He's asking \$200 plus shipping from 14416, but would be open to swaps for VHF gear of comparable value.

What he's REALLY looking for is either a Kenwood TS-700 or a Yaesu FT-221/R for local 2M and satellite. They're getting kinda rare, but maybe someone has one on the shelf.

Drop me a line over at my arrl.net address (listed below in the sig), and I'll make the arrangements for Charles.

72/73, Keith, WB2VUO, 100% QRP from the Depths of the Great Bergen Swamp President, Brockport Amateur Radio Klub & Tech Coordinator, ARRL WNY Section

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 11:54:41 EDT

From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com

To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu

Subject: [77233] Proposal Comments

Message-ID: <c8.8ecb03d.26c81ec1@aol.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Gang,

Not sure my comments are list worthy but wanted to note two things anyways:

- (1) Maintain the HIGH and SLOW SPEED
- (2) Contemplate using the NOVICE band frequencies

Note that the higher speed CW is a challenge and good to keep us challenged and improving our speed and competency.

Why not use the NOVICE frequencies so we are not always banging heads with the FISTS and other activities? On 40M 7130-7145 are generally open and free of BC. On 20M there are a lot of wide open space. Sure some folks have limited bandwidth rigs but for this op I am sure most have a rig that can go outside the standard bandwidth.

Now I am not successfull with the fast foxes (cw ones that is--smile) but like the challenge anyways. Here is a way to satisfy both needs. Hey it is like reactivating the N/T+ FOX.

The real key is to do a trial run for a few weeks and see if there are any takers or just talkers. I am game to be a fox with one bad leg (smile)

Alan KB7MBI in Woodinville, WA

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 10:18:19 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Paul Harden, NA5N" <na5n@rt66.com>  
To: qrp-canada@lists.gpfn.sk.ca, qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77234] Condx for FOX/CQC Goldrush  
Message-ID: <Pine.SUN.4.10.10008130955160.10876-100000@shell.rt66.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Gang,

We have been hit with several shockwaves over the past two days, keeping our geomagnetic field wiggling like lime Jello! This has made conditions on HF quite difficult during the active portions of the storm, and interesting propagation (due to the high solar flux) at other times. Yesterday's estimated A-index of 120, from many hours of the K-index from 6 to 8, also produced spectacular aurora's into the middle latitudes of the US (and Europe, southern Australia, etc.).

THE WORST IS OVER. However, the solar wind is still quite high at 600 km/sec, so relatively short periods of storming are still possible, but likely not to shut down the HF bands ... just some noisy conditions on the lower bands (like 40-80M).

RIGHT NOW (about noon EDT), the geomagnetic field is quiet and HF conditions are fairly normal.

FOX HUNT and COLORADO GOLD RUSH (CQC) CONTESTS should see fairly normal conditions. The current quiet geomagnetic field will not effect 20M much, and the high solar flux (about 193 right now) will foster good propagation. Both events should see fairly normal conditions.

Numbers for the past 3 days:

|          | Solar Flux | A-index |                    |
|----------|------------|---------|--------------------|
| Friday   | 187        | 60      |                    |
| Saturday | 189        | 120*    |                    |
| Sunday   | 193*       | 60*     | *=estimated values |

Unfortunately, I was under lightning, rain (not much) and overcast skies all last night so had virtually zero visability for the Perseid meteor shower OR any aurora. Hopefully many of you got a better show than I did :-(

We had a marathon session yesterday trying to wrap up the QRPP, so never even logged on ... so thanks to those who posted some of the data as updates to this storm. I'm sure it kept most of those on qrp-l pretty much on top of things, while other circles of hams are wondering what was going on.

72, Paul NA5N

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 11:35:18 -0500  
 From: Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>  
 To: k5di@zianet.com  
 Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
 Subject: [77235] Re: Proposal  
 Message-ID: <3996CE46.EC921A46@swbell.net>  
 MIME-version: 1.0  
 Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
 Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

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Why not leave it as it is and suggest that the fox lower his speed to 10-15 wpm during the second hour or when activity gets real slow. This will maximize the number of contacts while giving the slower ops a chance to participate. If you switch to 10 or 15 wpm, fewer operators are going to work the fox and the slow pace will turn off many. While it may not cut the number of contacts in half, it's likely to reduce it by 25-33%. Do you want that?

No flames, but was is the problem with 25 wpm on fox hunt? You only need to be able to identify your own call. You already know what exchange you are going to be given. It's not like you are going to rag chew at that speed. Set your memory keyer and when you hear your call, hit the keyer botton. What am I missing? That's what I do in dx contests or with dxpeditions when the dx is sending at 40-45 wpm.

73 de Dave, N0IT

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 10:03:34 -0700  
From: Russ Dow <n7dw@garlic.com>  
To: sdmarko@attglobal.net  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77236] Re: What's a DX  
Message-ID: <3996D4E6.36FC5EE9@garlic.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
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Steve's response is a good illustration of what defines DX: A feeling of accomplishment.

>From the very early days, "DX" has been the morse abbreviation for Distance or Distant. On HF, nowadays it \*generally\* means stations in another country, and that's the meaning I think of first.

However, there are no hard-and-fast rules that define DX, simply because there are so many factors involved. Depending on frequency, mode, power, antenna, propagation, band conditions, etc., etc., what defines DX in a given situation is very flexible. But the sense of accomplishment that Steve expressed so well is probably the key element. :-)

Hope this helps.

73,  
Russ N7DW

sdmarko@attglobal.net wrote:

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 18:10:36 -0700  
From: "Merryprankster@cwcom.net" <merryprankster@cwcom.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77237] Re: Proposal Comments  
Message-ID: <006101c0058c\$74a71080\$a8072cc3@houseqrx7neuap>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
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Hello all I have never joined in on a fox hunt.

I have listened around for you but being in UK probably wont hear you.. Is there a points system for fox hunts? Maybe if there is you could award a full one for a first hour of contest when things are harder faster, and 1/2 a point for the last hour when things slow down a bit. ( That is if they do slow down a bit) Bob M5B0B

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 13:09:54 EDT  
From: BenNW7DX@aol.com  
To: k5di@zianet.com, qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77238] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <63.9b5ab4e.26c83062@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hello -

Today's fox can definately copy at 25wpm and even FOUR TIMES that much! Chuck is one of the fastest cw ops in the U.S. and even in the world. Looking at his results on the internet from RUFZ, a high speed cw trainer, Chuck ranks first place in the Senior males category!

Anyway, here's my take on this proposal... Although the 10 wpm limit Would allow more of the slower ops to bag the fox at the slower speeds, I think it would also scare away some of the fast cw ops. Personally, I like a good challenge on the bands, and really enjoy answering a high speed fox with a high speed exchange. I think that the best thing to do would be to start the hunt like any other hunt - get a nice pilup going and work 'em as fast as you can, but then when the hunt slows down and you aren't getting any calls, that would be the time to slow the speed. Just an idea.

72 and GL in the hunt today!

~ Ben - NW7DX

In a message dated 00-08-13 11:06:09 EDT, you write:

<< So ,for  
example, the FOX for today says he is going to use 25 WPM code. It's  
assumed he can copy at that speed too. >>

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 10:27:38 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77239] Re: Jumping P-TICKs  
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.4.10.10008131025590.16058-1000000@rotor.dri.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

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73, Ron

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....ku7y@qsl.net....SOC #2.....Nevada....NRA LIFE....  
.....SOWP 5545M.....WHINERS #1.....ZOMBIE #18.....  
....Visit my Home Page.....<http://www.qsl.net/ku7y/>....

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 10:30:54 -0700  
From: "bob baxter" <rbaxter@cybertrails.com>  
To: <ku7y@dri.edu>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77240] Re: Jumping P-TICKs  
Message-ID: <003301c0054c\$4248e220\$fb142aa2@bobbaxte>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Double backed carpet tape works pretty good too. Bob Baxter AA7EQ  
Bisbee, Az.

-----Original Message-----

From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Date: Sunday, August 13, 2000 10:28 AM  
Subject: Re: Jumping P-TICKs

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 13:34:05 -0400 (EDT)

From: "John L. Sielke" <w2agn@pobox.com>

To: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [77241] RE: Proposal

Message-ID: <XFMail.000813133405.w2agn@pobox.com>

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

MIME-Version: 1.0

OH Boy, her we go. I read the proposal, and several of the comments. While

brining in new CW operators is valuable, I can see no reason for slowing down the Fox hunts. I would recommend the practice of Novice/Tech foxes, as we do in the 40M fox hunts.

This lowering of the standards for everyone, so that the less talented, or less educated, or even less experienced, can "participate" is what has caused todays Public Schools to eliminate "accelerated" or "academic block" programs for gifted children. Having recently retired from Civil Service, I can tell you the "dumbing down" or even elimination of standards for civil service are causing problems. (Keep in mind, Air Traffic Controllers are in such a position!).

Let's help educate those that want to learn CW, but lets not change the standards for our own activities.

(Environmentally-correct non-asbestos flame suit is on, let fly!

John W2AGN

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>  
> Yours Truly,  
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X-N4JS, W4MPC, W7JEF, K3HLU G-QRP #9544 NorCal CQC AKQRP QCWA FISTS #2781  
fpQRP #121 SOC #390 Elecraft K2 #00023

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 10:35:17 -0700  
From: Jim Lowman <jmlowman@ix.netcom.com>  
To: myetsko@insydesw.com  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77242] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <3996DC55.BA74BB98@ix.netcom.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I agree with Alan's proposal for having both a slow and fast speed hunt, as well as the suggestion that some activity be focused on the novice sub-band, but:

Is the name-calling really necessary, Mike? While we all had to start at zero wpm, why beat up the guys who have gone the extra (no pun intended) mile to ramp up their speed?

Sorry...I get tired of this "elitest" nonsense.

72 de Jim - AD6CW

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> Mike

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 13:14:55 -0500  
From: "Marty Purselley" <brewer@flash.net>  
To: <w2agn@pobox.com>  
Cc: <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77243] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <00b301c00552\$695c7ce0\$7843d7d8@mlp>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I agree, its not like you are having a rag chew or anything. Having been away from the hobby for a number of years, I found that my cw speed was lacking. However, I can copy call signs, rst, qth, and pwr pretty easily at "contest" speeds. Do I rag chew at that speed? Not yet. But after a 7 year lay off, if I can copy the exchange ANYONE can. On air contacts are the best way to get your speed up, but it also wouldn't hurt to get some tapes or an MFJ code tutor either. Lowering the speed wouldn't help-ask anyone who is TRYING to improve their CW which is easier to copy-10 or 20

wpm. CW isn't for everyone, and lowering the speed isn't going to help or make it more interesting. Heck if we want to be "politically correct", lets give everyone a point who turns on their radio, maybe we could stop keeping score and everyone would be winners.

Marty AA5UN

----- Original Message -----

From: John L. Sielke <w2agn@pobox.com>

To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>

Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2000 12:34 PM

Subject: RE: Proposal

> OH Boy, her we go. I read the proposal, and several of the comments. While  
> brining in new CW operators is valuable, I can see no reason for slowing  
down

> the Fox hunts. I would recommend the practice of Novice/Tech foxes, as we  
do in

> the 40M fox hunts.

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> This lowering of the standards for everyone, so that the less talented, or  
less

> educated, or even less experienced, can "participate" is what has caused  
today's

> Public Schools to eliminate "accelerated" or "academic block" programs for  
> gifted children. Having recently retired from Civil Service, I can tell  
you the

> "dumbing down" or even elimination of standards for civil service are  
causing

> problems. (Keep in mind, Air Traffic Controllers are in such a position!).

>

> Let's help educate those that want to learn CW, but lets not change the  
> standards for our own activities.

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> (Environmentally-correct non-asbestos flame suit is on, let fly!

>

> John W2AGN

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> On 13-Aug-00 Karl F. Larsen wrote:

> > Think about this proposal and give your pro and con comment to  
the

> > QRP-L list.

> >

> > Yours Truly,

> >

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> / \ / \ / \ / \ / \ John L. Sielke w2agn@pobox.com w2agn@qsl.net  
> ( W | 2 | A | G | N ) NJ Grid:FM29LN <http://www.qsl.net/w2agn>  
> \\_ / \\_ / \\_ / \\_ / \\_ / NJ-QRP #57 QRP-L #884 QRP-ARCI ARQrp #86  
> X-N4JS, W4MPC, W7JEF, K3HLU G-QRP #9544 NorCal CQC AKQRP QCWA FISTS  
#2781  
> fpQRP #121 SOC #390 Elecraft K2 #00023  
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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 20:12:25 +0200  
From: "Willy Krogstad" <wikro@nt.telia.no>  
To: <k6whp@gte.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77244] Re: Help! One-tube Regen Circuit  
Message-ID: <04a501c00552\$68021d00\$1ee8ccc3@n10003653>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi!  
I think you will find it here: [http://www.qsl.net/n6ev/6gw8\\_1.gif](http://www.qsl.net/n6ev/6gw8_1.gif) and some  
more pages further down. Hope this helps...

Willy.

----- Original Message -----  
From: "William Phinizy" <k6whp@gte.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2000 4:09 PM  
Subject: Help! One-tube Regen Circuit

> In February, 1966, the late Lew McCoy published an article for a  
> Novice transmitter called the "Mighty Midget". I believe it was a bit  
> later, he (or another author) published an accompanying receiver  
> article. Does anyone have a copy of that article or is it available  
> anywhere on the internet? I have searched and cannot seem to find it..  
>  
> ..my thanks in advance.  
>  
> 72,  
>  
> William Phinizy, k6whp  
>

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 13:27:45 -0500  
From: markmilburn <markmilburn@netzero.net>  
To: unlisted-recipients;; (no To-header on input)  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77245] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <3996E8A0.5A27FECC@netzero.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

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> activities....it's to get a lot of people to stop talking about ham radio,  
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This is not a question of freezing out lower speed hunters or ruining cw for anyone, it's just a reasonable way to handle the largest number of people possible in a limited time. Don't let your built-in biases affect how you understand what's going on here. The fox is going to work everyone who wants to play...at their speed. This is just about making it more enjoyable and accessible for everyone.

72 mark

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 14:35:05 -0400  
From: Clay N4AOX <wyn@worldnet.att.net>



To: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77246] Re: Proposal Comments  
Message-ID: <3996EA59.C431703F@worldnet.att.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

ARDUJENSKI@aol.com wrote:

>  
> Gang,  
> Not sure my comments are list worthy but wanted to note two things anyways:  
> (1) Maintain the HIGH and SLOW SPEED  
> (2) Contemplate using the NOVICE band frequencies  
>  
> Note that the higher speed CW is a challenge and good to keep us challenged  
> and improving our speed and competency.

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>  
To these comments I would like to add that I would not support any endeavor that sought to reduce participation to the lowest common denominator. One could also argue to drop the bar to include 100W power on the fox hunts as it would assure greater participation and more contacts and easier contacts. On earlier fox hunts we used to have the first hour for 13 WPM up and the second hour for 5-10 WPM. It was up to the discretion of the fox.

I was rummaging around my "keepers" file looking for the qrp-1 FAW on forbidden topics, thinking that discussions of code speed might be on the list, when I found the following:

Chuck, the founder of the fox hunt and your fox for the day, penned these comments a few years back and I think they still apply:

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OK, first of all, contesting isn't for everyone and that is OK. Just go with the flow and don't sweat the small stuff. And don't start rumors that are unfounded and I'll explain later. You'll make QRP-L look bad to the rest of the world. And we don't need contestors

on our case.....

If you ever get the chance to be fox during the foxhunt, you can understand the responsibility and the pressure situation of being a rare country or rare section. Last year it was NE and the year before it was WY that generated the pileups.

<SNIP>

2. I am concerned about those of you that claim 5-10wpm code speed. How did you learn the code? You should be doing 18-20wpm on individual characters. Anyone that posts to this group showing any Morse character as dots and dashes is doing everyone a great deal of harm. NEVER and I mean NEVER think of Morse as dots and dashes. If this is the way you do it, then you have some serious damage to undo. Get the ARRL CDs and relearn the code in audio. Really.

Get Dave Finley's book on The Koch Method. The title of the book is "Morse Code: Breaking the Barrier" available from MFJ, book number MFJ-3400. Get SuperMorse or whatever and sit down with it and do the following. Get it to send you individual characters, one at a time and you type in what you heard before it sends the next one. Start with the letter A, then B, .... at 25wpm!!! No slower 'cuz you are trying to do something wrong at slower speeds if you can't recognize the character immediately. After you can do 100% (hey, if you miss a single character then you aren't doing it right) then crank the speed up to 30wpm and start all over again. And if you think I am an idiot and don't know what I'm talking about then let me inform you that I do this once a week on a high dollar computer for

practice!!!

And it doesn't matter what anyone's high speed is. You practice. You will slow down if you don't. I went QRT for a number years doing educational things and getting degrees and letters to go after my name on business cards. :-) When I came back I was still able to do pretty good, but not like I did until I went back to work on it.

If you can afford it, get the MFJ code tutor. Wear out lots of batteries. Find a used AEA MM-3 Morse Machine or borrow one and use it in the practice QSO mode. Crank the speed up. Always be challenged. If you cruise you lose.

Earlier I said time. Well, about 30+ mins a day for the rest of your life. It takes commitment and serious work to get there. More to follow on this topic as time allows. If you can tell the difference between a waltz, rap, country and western, and rock and roll then you can receive Morse at high speed.

I know that many of you think that sometimes this reflector seems like a CW only it's just a topic that keeps coming up because it isn't easy. Just like the antenna and the badgers and .... :-)  
And which end of the resistor is the positive end, banded?

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 11:37:42 -0700 (PDT)  
From: Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu>  
To: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77247] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <Pine.GS0.4.10.10008131116290.16058-1000000@rotor.dri.edu>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Hi All,

I just gotta chime in on this one.....

Stop for a minute and look to see what the "Fox" is trying to do..... they are trying to work the MOST stations that they can in a 2 hour period.

It's not hard to see that the faster you work each station, the more you can put in the log. Simple math!

If you are running stations at 30 wpm and someone else is running stations at 10 wpm, who is going to get the most in the log?

The best thing for the Fox's to do is to follow the examples set by the top contest stations.....run as fast as you can and still keep a pile up going.

As the pile up thins out, you should start slowing down.

How slow should you go? Just as slow as you think you need to go!

As far as the question of the new hams, or those who just have never become too fond of or fast with CW goes....

Think about this..... here is a Fox, trying to work as many stations as he can in a fixed amount of time. There are a LOT of hounds calling him and working him at what seems like the speed of light! (Hey, I still hear pile ups that are way too fast for me to copy and I can get close to 50ish wpm in that game!)

Is it really fair to interrupt the flow of the Fox and ask him to slow down to 5 wpm to work you?

I think not.... Just wait until the Fox isn't getting replies and then call him. At that point you are helping him with your contact.

Just remember the old saying that salesmen are told...  
"Help enough others get what they want and you will wind up with everything you want". :-)

There are LOTS of places to improve CW speed. Getting on the air is the #1 Best way to do it. The "Novice" band is the natural place for slow speed CW. It's been the place for many years and it's still a good place to

find others that are slow. And for those who want to slow down and help people improve, it's also the place to head for.

You don't jump into an Indy car and have the race keep to 50 mph because you can't drive fast. You go learn on the other little race tracks around the country. Then, and only then, do you try moving up into the faster cars.

Kinda the same with CW..... Trying to slow down a contest because you can't go fast enough (whatever fast enough is!) isn't right!

There is never a good reason to kill efforts to excell at something while at the same time rewarding the lack of effort!

If anyone really wants to play in the fox hunts, they can. Even at 5 wpm.

But trying to kill off an event that has PROVEN to be a major tool used by people to increase their CW skills is silly.

OK, now I feel better and will crawl back into my hole!

73, Ron

.....KU7Y.....ARCI #8829.....Monte "Ron" Stark.....  
....ku7y@qsl.net....SOC #2.....Nevada....NRA LIFE....  
.....SOWP 5545M.....WHINERS #1.....ZOMBIE #18.....  
....Visit my Home Page.....<http://www.qsl.net/ku7y/>....

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 14:47:57 EDT  
From: ARDUJENSKI@aol.com  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu, wptodd@techline.com, bg783@scn.org, j-j-hendricks@worldnet.att.net  
Subject: [77248] Crippled FOX-Tues Evenings  
Message-ID: <f2.1c32855.26c8475d@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For the month of August I will run a Crippled Fox Hunt Tuesdays

0000-0100z 7135+ or -  
0105-0200z 14.050 + or -

The first 15 minutes I would like to give priority to the 1-4 call areas and DX stations

EXCHANGE: RST(real values), SPC (state, province, country), Name

To help you folks find me I will occasionally use a series of V's prior to the CQ

At the end of this period we will see if there is any real interest. Should be good for all 3 legged dogs like me that find it a bit tuff keeping up with the big dogs (smile).

I will be running the QRP + with the GAP TITAN and the 20M 1/2 wave vertical.

Hope to see ya there....Alan KB7MBI in Woodinville, WA

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 14:56:26 -0400  
From: "Jim McKinley" <flyable@starpower.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77249] Proposal  
Message-ID: <004f01c00558\$302a18a0\$3e04fea9@oemcomputer>

Gang,

This will be my first comment post to the list. I will try to be clear and brief.

Both sides have good points pro and con but consider something else. The novice sub-bands are still there and a bit quiet these days especially that rather large space between 21.100 and 21-200. Could a slower speed contest in the novice/tech+ sub-band, 40 m in the winter and 15m in the summer be a possibility? It would not only be for those who would want to slow down a bit but would also allow the novice and tech+ hams who are not able to take part in the fun to join in as well.

Jim, WD40JY  
Manassas, VA

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 14:59:06 -0400  
From: david fouchey <dafouchey@home.com>  
To: flyable@starpower.net

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77250] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <3996EFFA.6CB2B1F6@home.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I concur with Jim here, there is a dearth of activity in the Novice Bands and following the axiom use it or lose it I think this is a great idea, if there isn't more activity in the novice sections it will surely be reallocated to something else, most likely expanded phone traffic. Plus it would give those of us who are rusty on CW a chance at a fox hunt where we refrain now for lack of the necessary CW prowess.

Dave  
WA4EMR/8

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 15:06:02 -0400  
From: "Caitlyn M. Martin" <caitlyn@netferrets.net>  
To: qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77251] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <0008131506020P.00789@caitlyn.netferrets.net>  
Content-Type: text/plain  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Hi, everyone,

I'd have to agree with Jim. Even though I don't do code much, I do enough to keep my speed reasonable, and I would find 10 WPM painfully slow. OTOH,

there should, at least periodically, a chance for those who are at slower speeds to try out the foxhunt. They might even enjoy it and build up there code speed. So... why not one foxhunt in four, or one extra foxhunt, in the Novice bands?

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KU4QD

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Caitlyn M ire Martin  
caitlyn@netferrets.net  
<http://www.caitys-world.com>

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 15:08:42 -0400  
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: "Jim Lowman" <jmlowman@ix.netcom.com>, "QRP Mail List" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77252] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <003f01c0055a\$2761f2e0\$0600a8c0@dad>  
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I did not mean to imply that just because someone ran fast CW they were an 'elitist'.

What I meant, is that when a novice sees ONLY fast CW, it's perceived as an elitist club. And very quickly those 'out' of the club feel that way about those 'in' the club, REGARDLESS of the motivations of the people in the club.

You can have some of the nicest most helpful elmers on the band, but if the only time a novice hears them they are screaming along 'out of reach'...

Mike



> I agree with Alan's proposal for having both a slow and fast speed hunt,  
> as well as the suggestion that some activity be focused on the novice  
> sub-band, but:  
>  
> Is the name-calling really necessary, Mike? While we all had to start at  
> zero wpm, why beat up the guys who have gone the extra (no pun intended)  
> mile to ramp up their speed?  
>  
> Sorry...I get tired of this "elitist" nonsense.  
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> 72 de Jim - AD6CW  
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> Mike Yetsko wrote:  
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> > I agree, it's excellent. And I agree that the 'blazing speed CW' is  
> > detrimental. But with the caveat that it's only detrimental when that's  
> > all there is.  
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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 15:13:52 -0400  
From: "Mike Yetsko" <myetsko@insydesw.com>  
To: <markmilburn@netzero.net>, "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-  
l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77253] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <005701c0055a\$a0c5ffa0\$0600a8c0@dad>  
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charset="iso-8859-1"  
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I think this might be 'The Answer'.

It lets the high speed people in early at high speed.

It lets the low speed people participate at a slower speed.

It offers incentive to try to get in at as fast a speed as possible to get in and out as fast as possible.

I don't see any down side to the concept of starting a fox running like a scalded cat, and slowing down...

Perhaps even a NEW challenge. How soon into the hunt can you work the fox?

And for the group that just plain feels the need for speed? Perhaps a series of 'super fox' hunts....

Mike

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 15:18:18 -0400  
From: "Mike Yetzko" <myetzko@insydesw.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77254] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <006701c0055b\$3e8a7cc0\$0600a8c0@dad>  
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        charset="iso-8859-1"  
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OK, after someone's very 'blunt' private email to me...

I am NOT proposing a 'dumbing down' of the fox hunts.

I am NOT proposing a mandatory speed limit for the  
idiots.

I am NOT proposing catering to the 'lazy slobs' that just  
don't want to take the time and effort to get CW speed  
up to someone else's standards.

All I'm saying is that the fox hunt is an enjoyable activity  
for many. And it can be used to bring in more people and  
interest to CW. Why throw that opportunity away? At  
least try to come up with SOME way of 'bringing people'  
into 'the fold'.

Geesh....

I'm done posting on this one...

Mike

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 20:16:52 +0100  
From: Euramcom <mel@euramcom.freemove.co.uk>  
To: <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Cc: <gqrp@e-groups.com>  
Subject: [77255] Euramcom & NFH  
Message-ID: <E1303Qr-0006K5-00.2000-08-13-20-28-29@mail3.svr.pol.co.uk>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

Hi Gangue

Just to let you all know that we are having "neighbours from=3D  
hell"  
problems here with criminal damages amounting to around =3DA34700=  
(UK=3D

pounds) or \$9000 (US Dollars) caused by the ten year old son of=3D  
the  
next door neighbour.

Details on

<http://neighbours-from-hell.20m.com>

This means I will not be able to answer e-mails as efficiently=  
as=3D

I  
would like, but I am leaving the "Add-a-link" pages and "Parts=3D  
Info  
Wanted" on the auto answer and post mode so you may all=  
continue=3D  
to  
use them in the next few weeks ok.

--72 and 73 de Mel Evans, e-mail [mel@euramcom.freemove.co.uk](mailto:mel@euramcom.freemove.co.uk)

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 11:35:10 -0800  
From: Jim Larsen AL7FS <al7fs@pobox.alaska.net>  
To: "qrp-1@lehigh.edu" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77256] OK1DPX Homebrew keys collection  
Message-ID: <3996F86E.63E4E68E@pobox.alaska.net>  
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May I suggest you CW folks would enjoy what I have discovered at

<http://www.qsl.net/ok1dp/keys/keys.htm>

These OK1DPX keys inspire me to try to build one myself. I especially thought I might be able to handle the microswitch key/paddle

73, Jim

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Jim Larsen, AL7FS, Anchorage, Alaska  
QRP-L CD Ver. 3.1 available: <http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/QRP-CDver3.htm>  
QRP ARCI #6754 Check out <http://www.qrparci.org/>  
<http://www.qsl.net/al7fs/> <mailto:al7fs@pobox.alaska.net>

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 15:45:02 -0400  
From: John R Kirby <n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [77257] WOW ! Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <20000813.154625.-122401.0.n3aaz-qrp@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

WOW ! ! !

Who missed what?

You just kidding RIGHT?

Where is that manager when you need him?

John  
N3AAZ  
FM19xa

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<http://dl.www.juno.com/get/tagj>.

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 15:17:12 +0000  
From: "Steven Weber" <kd1jv@moose.ncia.net>  
To: qrp-l@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77258] Better (?) Proposal  
Message-ID: <200008131954.PAA08003@wolf.ncia.net>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=US-ASCII  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7BIT

> The purpose is to make it possible for more people to try the fox hunts.

Get \*more\* people to try the fox hunts!! If anything, there are too many now!

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Instead, if everyone who works the fox (or not) then went off and called CQ and made a few contacts, there would be all kinds of activity around the QRP frequencies. Not only would this then make the fox harder to find, but those who wanted to improve thier code speed or just have a qso, would know there are pleanty of people on the air that night, either calling CQ or looking for a QS0.

Lets make it not just fox hunt night, but qso night too! Say, what if in order for your fox contact to count, you also have to have at least two "regular" qso's that night? (before, after or durring the hunt)

72,  
Steve, KD1JV in the white Mountains of New Hampshire  
"melt solder"

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 15:56:10 -0400  
From: John Wagner <john@neknetwork.com>  
To: k5di@zianet.com

Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>

Subject: [77259] Re: Proposal

Message-ID: <3996FD5A.98A52516@neknetwork.com>

MIME-Version: 1.0

Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I do believe at one time there were slower speed fox hunts on the 40m band.

What might be a good idea is to have two fox hunts, one fast, one slower - at the same time. Pelts for both would be allowed. This would have some good benefits all around:

1. People who are intimidated by the "fast" speed can work up the courage on the slower hunt. If they do OK, they might jump on the faster one and give it a shot.

2. We can get some foxes in training. I wouldn't mind being a slow speed fox, but I'm in awe of the guys doing the regular hunt - probably years away from being able to do that.

Comments on the "high" speed hunt:

I find the "high" speed hunts GREAT training. Same with contests. I think I'm comfortable about 13-15 wpm. I listen in on the entire hunt and try to pick out as many calls and exchanges as possible and write 'em down. When the log comes out, I check my accuracy. At first, it seems impossible, but after a while you start to pick pieces out and next thing you know you're getting the whole exchange.

If there is enough interest in a slow speed hunt, I wouldn't mind being part of the effort to organize it. We could do it for a month to see how it goes or something.

Thoughts? ... gotta go, I think I hear a fox coming!

73,

John, KB1ENS

"Karl F. Larsen" wrote:

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> I was struck on my walk with the problem we have now with Ham  
> Radio. We are most of us, old. And many old Hams are CW buffs. So ,for  
> example, the FOX for today says he is going to use 25 WPM code. It's  
> assumed he can copy at that speed too.

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> As a VE that is giving tests to new and advancing Hams it is  
> obvious the new HF Hams will not copy code at 13 WPM. They will copy 5 WPM  
> or less perhaps. Most of these people say they are not interested in CW.  
> This may be true, but it's possible they listen on the air and hear most  
> CW at 20 WPM and give up.  
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> PROPOSAL:  
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> at 10 WPM. The purpose is to make it possible for more people to try the  
> fox hunts. Experience has shown that the last hour of the hunt is slow to  
> no activity so there is no reason to hurry the first hour.  
>  
> ACTION:  
>  
> Think about this proposal and give your pro and con comment to the  
> QRP-L list.  
>  
> Yours Truly,  
>  
> - Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

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John Wagner - john@neknetwork.com  
Web page: <http://www.neknetwork.com>  
Personal Web page: <http://www.together.net/~jwag>

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 16:18:20 -0400  
From: Sam Billingsley <SBillingsley@usaninc.com>  
To: "Qrpl\_Submit (E-mail)" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77260] RE: Better (?) Proposal  
Message-ID: <058CBAE0931FD411B70E00805FCD5D422D17AD@MAILSERVER2>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain

Great Idea Steve. This would increase QSOs on the band, tend to improve our  
skills and still provide an incentive for those that need it.  
How do we make it happen?  
Sam AE4GX

Subject: Better (?) Proposal  
From: Steven Weber  
Date: Sun Aug 13 2000 - 11:17:12 EDT



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Steve, KD1JV in the white Mountains of New Hampshire  
"melt solder"

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 16:27:32 -0400  
From: Erik Werner <ewerner@sprintmail.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77261] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <3.0.1.32.20000813162732.007cd720@sprintmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

I've seen some good comments and as one who can't keep up I agree that you shouldn't slow down the fox. (huh? Isn't this self defeating for someone like me?) No, not if the two fine suggestions hold.

- 1) Hour 1-Fast CW. Let me listen and get accostomed to the exchanges.  
Hour 2-Slow CW.. Let me pounce.

-or-

- 2) AAA league. Ok, so I copy solid at 7 WPM. at 10 I'm dropping more letters than I want to even admit. It takes practice, that's been said, so why not start a slow fox.. how about a possum? Let us new to CW get our feet wet while enjoying the sport, then move into the faster lane as our skills improve.

Between the two, I vote for #2. Two hunts, same time, one in the novice band (use or loose) and the other on the regular scheduled freq +/- QRM.

73

Erik/KD5CTJ  
Ashburn, VA

At 02:56 PM 8/13/00 -0400, Jim McKinley wrote:

>Gang,  
> This will be my first comment post to the list. I will try to be clear  
>and brief.  
> Both sides have good points pro and con but consider something else. The  
>novice sub-bands are still there and a bit quiet these days especially that  
>rather large space between 21.100 and 21-200. Could a slower speed contest  
>in the novice/tech+ sub-band, 40 m in the winter and 15m in the summer be a  
>possibility? It would not only be for those who would want to slow down a  
>bit but would also allow the novice and tech+ hams who are not able to take  
>part in the fun to join in as well.  
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>Jim, WD40JY  
>Manassas, VA  
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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 15:53:04 -0500  
From: Marty <N5NW@midsouth.rr.com>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77262] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <a52epscm3um4e7asif1921lik8r62sk775n@4ax.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: quoted-printable

On Sun, 13 Aug 2000 11:37:42 -0700 (PDT), Monte Stark <ku7y@dri.edu> =  
wrote:

>I just gotta chime in on this one.....  
>  
>Stop for a minute and look to see what the "Fox" is trying  
>to do..... they are trying to work the MOST stations that  
>they can in a 2 hour period.

(...)

>The best thing for the Fox's to do is to follow the examples

>set by the top contest stations.....run as fast as you  
>can and still keep a pile up going.  
>  
>As the pile up thins out, you should start slowing down.  
>  
>How slow should you go? Just as slow as you think you need  
>to go!=20

(...)

>Kinda the same with CW..... Trying to slow down a contest  
>because you can't go fast enough (whatever fast enough is!)  
>isn't right!=20

=46first, I agree with Ron except on one point. I've been around for a =  
while  
(anybody else fondly recall 50/40/30 activity?) and lament the fact that =  
the  
foxhunt has migrated from an operating activity to a contest.

As for speed ... I'm no speed demon. Don't have the time to commit to  
practice, what with a 9 year old, another on the way, and work =  
obligations. I  
can carry a tune around 18-20 WPM, and chew the rag about 5 wpm below =  
that.

Ron has echoed the sentiments from the OM himself, K7Q0. Chuck has =  
forgotten  
more about learning and developing Morse ability than most of us will =  
ever  
know. His preferred method is to start fast and then get slower. As =  
soon as  
you recognize a call or two, dump yours in at that speed. I'm quite, =  
quite  
sure Chuck understands part of the purpose is to have folks upgrade their  
skills, and no one can do it better than Chuck (in my not-so-humble =  
opinion).  
The fact that Ron agrees only adds credibility.

Odds are, the fast ops will be worked in the first 15 minutes, and we'll =  
be  
down to 13 wpm by the end of the first half-hour.

Remember folks. Only a hobby. Only a hobby. Only a hobby. Only a ...

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Marty, N5NW

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Lakeland (Memphis), Tennessee  
<http://marty.w.tripod.com/>  
N5NW@midsouth.rr.com

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 15:13:02 -0600  
From: "James R. Duffey" <jamesd1@flash.net>  
To: <k5di@zianet.com>, qrp-l <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77263] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <B5BC6B7E.20E8%jamesd1@flash.net>  
Mime-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Let me get in my \$0.02 worth before Cla shuts this discussion down.

I think that people need to realize that the fox hunts are not a contest, but rather an activity to encourage people to get off their computer chairs and on to their ham radio chairs.

I have been fox hunting since the first hunt 6 years ago, and have been a fox a couple of times. I did not exclude anybody on the basis of speed, nor did any other foxes that I recall. If someone came back at a slow speed I slowed down to work them. I responded to several who asked me to QRS, and I think I even asked a few to QRS.

There has been a novice-tech Fox hunt for those that can't cope with the regular fox hunt, and I believe that they have been fairly successful. These should continue, perhaps with the modification that hams who have been licensed with slow speed CW are no longer restricted to the Novice bands.

The biggest problems I had with the hunters were not the slow speed hounds. but rather the hounds who insisted on working me twice because they did not have the skills to recognize that they worked me the first time, those who called over others, those who could not send dashes as fast as their bugs could send dots, and those who tailended while others were still copying the exchange. None of these were slow speed ops by the way.

I think a slow speed activity night would be good, but I do not think we should change the FOX hunts for slow speed nights. Perhaps we should begin some other activity for those who have recently entered our ranks by QRS. Perhaps the ARRL should bring back the Novice Roundup? - Dr. Megacycle  
KK6MC/5

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James R. Duffey KK6MC/5  
30 Casa Loma Road  
Cedar Crest, NM 87008

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 16:11:06 -0500  
From: Dave Sjolín <sjolin@swbell.net>  
To: kd1jv@moose.ncia.net  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77264] Re: Better (?) Proposal  
Message-ID: <39970EEA.710B3233@swbell.net>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

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> least two "regular" qso's that night? (before, after or durring the  
> hunt)

Great idea. Makes sense to me.  
73 de Dave, N0IT

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 16:28:24 -0500  
From: "Jay Henson" <jbhenson@zebra.net>  
To: "QRP-L" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77265] FOX  
Message-ID: <000901c0056d\$6aa44ae0\$190f0cd1@default>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
          charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Hi to everyone,

Many thanks to Chuck for digging me out this afternoon, particularly if it was as dead on his end as it was mine. There was no noise and no signals in AL. Not the first hound was heard and Chuck was not heard very clearly until 2105 or so. In fact, the only good signal was an EA station that jumped on top of Chuck and forced him to QSY. Anyhow, after turning off AGC, turning audio up, selecting the narrowest filter and tuning around, the ether god let a little of his/my signal through.

Thanks for the FB ears Chuck. My best to all.

See you on the radio.

Jay

AJ4AY Mobile, AL

QRP-L #1372 ARCI #8131 SOC#220 FP#115

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 16:31:01 -0500  
From: "Manager QRP-L" <manager@astro.cc.lehigh.edu>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77266] FOX- Speed Proposal  
Message-ID: <00ee01c0056d\$cca03740\$0200000a@mcg.net>

I have no intention of shutting the discussion down as long it continues using the FOX- subject prefix. Lately, you Fox hunters haven't been to good in this regard. I ask you again to please preface your subject lines using "FOX-".

Less than ten percent of the list participates in the Fox activity. Please be polite and courteous to the other 90 percent of the list and allow them the option of filtering out the foxhunt messages and make QRP-L more valuable to them.

If we can't get this kind of cooperation we will have to consider moving the Foxhunt messages to a separate list.

All comments about this message to me privately at the above address. Do not comment to the list.

73 de Cla KA0GKC

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 22:34:19 +0100

From: "Andy GM0NWI" <Gm0nwi@tesco.net>  
To: "American QRP List" <qrp-1@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77267] Heathkit HW7 Front Panel.....URGENTLY WANTED...!!  
Message-ID: <001901c0056e\$82aea940\$59448cd4@q1n3l2>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 8bit

Guy`s....

I have a HW7 here in the shack in need of some repair....

Was wondering if someone in EU or USA/VE etc might have a spare or "surplus"  
front panel that they  
would like to part with .....cash paid of course.....

The panel needs to be in FAIR to EXCELLENT condition..... WITHOUT any  
additional holes drilled  
through ..... in otherwise in ORIGINAL condition..... but allowing for  
minor scratches, chips etc due  
to age or use....

I am willing to pay upto around 20.00 Sterling for anyone who might wish to  
part with one of these, so  
I can finally finish a project that I have been working on for sometime  
now....

Reply`s EITHER via list OR DIRECT .....whatever you wish....

72s de Pete Milsom G4GSA  
pete.milsom@virgin.net

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 17:35:16 -0400  
From: "Randall M. Payne" <randyp@strato.net>  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.EDU  
Subject: [77268] Re: Proposal  
Message-ID: <3.0.6.32.20000813173516.007af5c0@mail.strato.net>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"

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>at 10 WPM. The purpose is to make it possible for more people to try the  
>fox hunts. Experience has shown that the last hour of the hunt is slow to  
>no activity so there is no reason to hurry the first hour.  
Excellent suggestion, we're too prone to be elitist and ignore chances to  
help a lot of people advance in skills.  
Randy K4EZM

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 21:52:21 GMT  
From: "Tom Dufresne" <tdufres@hotmail.com>  
To: QRP-L@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77269] Just got a HW-8  
Message-ID: <F58f4irFUYSriAtRh3h000021f2@hotmail.com>  
Mime-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; format=flowed

Hi fans. Just got an HW-8 with all the trimmings. Power supply, keyer, etc.  
I may finally get a chance to try one of those newfangled keyers! Started  
with straight key nine months ago and haven't used anything else since.  
Anyway, any good tips/tricks on this rig? I understand that its about 3  
watts on a good day. True?  
Thanks!  
Tom

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 16:47:34 -0500  
From: Dave Sjolin <sjolin@swbell.net>  
To: jamesd1@flash.net  
Cc: Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77270] Re: Another Proposal  
Message-ID: <39971776.7D6BE25C@swbell.net>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

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> KK6MC/5

I'm not sure how motivating a fox hunt would be to a newcomer. Seems like the chaos and confusion of the pileup might scare them off, regardless of speed.

Maybe a better idea would be some kind of operating event where they could find and work a bunch of new states, over a series of nights. Maybe something like the 30 meter propagation study (except in Novice bands and slow speed). Just a thought.

73 de Dave, N0IT

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 18:09:57 EDT  
From: n5ib@juno.com  
To: qrp-1@Lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77271] FOX - skunked in Louisiana  
Message-ID: <20000812.170707.9423.0.N5IB@juno.com>

Never heard Chuck at all here in South Louisiana. Looks like he skipped right over to Alabama. I \*think\* I heard a total of two hounds. Very high noise and only about a half dozen signals heard between 14050 and 14070 for the whole hunt. And that includes the digital signals around 14069.

I don't really know if it was Sol or local stuff that did me in. I'm looking forward to seeing Chuck's log to see where the rf went.

woof, woof, whine, whine, 72  
Jim N5IB

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 18:10:12 EDT  
From: W1R0@aol.com  
To: tdufres@hotmail.com, qrp-1@lehigh.edu  
Subject: [77272] Re: Just got a HW-8  
Message-ID: <ba.98e0b91.26c876c4@aol.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="US-ASCII"

Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

(in case you didn't get a manual) Stay on the high side of the zero beat when you call someone. If you tune a station in on the low side of zero beat you'll end up walking up the band. Had an HW-7, HW-8 at different times and enjoyed them both, hope you have the same luck.

73

Jim

W1R0/7

Lost in Vegas

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 17:08:12 -0500  
From: K10J <k10j@ditdit.com>  
To: QRP-L Discussion <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77273] CQC GOLD RUSH  
Message-ID: <003801c00572\$f8e2d600\$6aa8bfd0@swbell.net>  
MIME-version: 1.0  
Content-type: text/plain; charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-transfer-encoding: 7bit

Well that was interesting. My vertical antenna was not receiving very well. Try as I might, I could not hear much above the noise here. Whoever broke 20m, please fix it! I had 31 contacts most of which were pretty weak except N0QT, NA5N, and W0HEP. K5ZTY does not count because he lives just down the street! I had fun, thank you CQC.

OJ---K10J

ditdit

Houston, Texas

Reply to:

k10j@ditdit.com

k5oj@ditdit.com

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 16:26:25 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>  
To: QRP-L List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77274] Propagation Blues  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10008131547230.1481-1000000@cannac.ampr.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

The FOX hunt from New Mexico was a total failure. Heard nothing

but "test" stations for the first 15 minutes. Heard K5LN work Chuck about 30 minutes in. Then from 30 minutes to 120 minutes I heard nothing but CQ Test from 14.063 to 14.050. I worked a couple of QRP test guys. Then turned off the Argonaut and gave up on 20 meters.

Conditions were odd. I heard Texas and New England good off the back of my beam. Pointed west I heard zero 6 and just a few weak 7's. The South American DX was strong with LU's and CE's running s9+.

I will be interested to see how many hounds were able to hear and work Chuck. If a lot then propagation to here from both Chuck and the stations working him were bad.

By the way, no problem with this e-mail. I didn't get on Chuck's log so he can't take it off....hi

Yours Truly,

- Karl F. Larsen, k5di@arrl.net (505) 524-3303 -

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 18:34:09 -0400  
From: Richard Powell <ripowell@mpna.com>  
To: "'qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU'" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77275] FOX: Nuthin in OH  
Message-ID: <01C00555.13B01600.ripowell@mpna.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset="us-ascii"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

Not a peep of the fox, some hounds,  
but mostly texas, and a bunch of callsigns that start with goofy letters.  
72 & oo's  
/rick

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Richard Powell, WB6JBM, TENTEN 13044, QRP-L 1118,  
FPQRP-2, QRP-ARCI 10414  
Senior Network Engineer, Belcan IT Division  
MCSE, CNA.  
ripowell@mpna.com http://www.mpna.com/ripowell  
ICQ 39245532

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 18:46:58 -0400  
From: "KC1FB" <kc1fb@optonline.net>  
To: "Low Power Amateur Radio Discussion" <qrp-l@Lehigh.EDU>  
Subject: [77276] FOX: Nothing but Noise, Test and ....fox? once in NE  
Message-ID: <009b01c00578\$63874e00\$1600a8c0@tp760e>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain;  
        charset="iso-8859-1"  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

For 120 Mins., very little of the fox, if any. Thought I heard "fox" sent once on 14.065 very weakly at 21:05UTC, but never heard it again. Tried all three antlers, Butternut beam at about 45', CF Zepp at 60', and horizontal loop at 40' and heard a number of folks in the "test" but no hounds and no fox....bummer!

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 16:49:44 -0600 (MDT)  
From: "Karl F. Larsen" <k5di@zianet.com>  
To: QRP-L List <qrp-l@lehigh.edu>  
Subject: [77277] FOX Proposals  
Message-ID: <Pine.LNX.4.10.10008131636080.1672-100000@cannac.ampr.org>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: TEXT/PLAIN; charset=US-ASCII

Sure are a lot of ideas from don't do anything to do just what I suggested. The idea most often mentioned is one of a high speed contest and a low speed contest, or, half of the current high speed contest high and half slow.

There was one message from a many times FOX himself who said he will slow down when requested to do so. But my point is this: If the FOX is transmitting at 20+ WPM the slow operator will never copy him.

Several people think a Novice band FOX Hunt is a good idea. I'm not with this thought because the FCC is active in ending the Novice Class and will soon allocate those bands to other purposes.

I'm ready to make an amended proposal that keeps the earlier one and adds that the slow speed CW will be sent in the second hour of the

current FOX Hunts. This will give the high speed operators plenty of time to work the FOX and the same time for new slow speed operators.

Yours Truly,

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Date: Sun, 13 Aug 2000 16:52:41 -0600  
From: Ray Colbert <w5xe@juno.com>  
To: k6whp@gte.net  
Subject: [77278] Re: Help! One-tube Regen Circuit  
Message-ID: <399726B9.37613819@juno.com>  
MIME-Version: 1.0  
Content-Type: text/plain; charset=us-ascii  
Content-Transfer-Encoding: 7bit

I remember that rig - went to the web site (N6EV) and had a look. A worthy glowbug project. Only thing is that the 6GW8 must have been a short term production tube. I looked in the Master Tube Substitution book and it was not even listed, much less a sub. I don't have a 66 or 67 ARRL handbook but in my 64 and 68 editions, that tube is not listed anywhere I can find except in the GE Essentials Characteristics manual. There appear to be several triode- pentode tubes that could be used. So that may be a change that you would want to look into.  
73

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"Politicians are like nappies. Both should be changed regularly -- and for the same reason"  
"Scotsman - Scotsman's Diary 12/97"

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